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TOPIC Military Activity in the Gera-Zeitz Area

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. On 17 July 1954, the following soldiers and materiel from Reuss Kaserne (8141) in Gera were loaded onto 3 trains, and, according to railroadmen, went to Altengrabow: 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 8 x 57-mm AT guns, 10 x 122-mm field guns, 32 prime movers, 53 motor vehicles, 9 field kitchens and 18 boxcarsloads of personnel.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
  2. At 0610 on 17 July, a troop train passed through the Gera railroad station. It came from the direction of Zeitz and went toward Plauen. The train carried 12 x 85-mm AT guns, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 3 other guns, 3 field kitchens, about 50 motor vehicles and, in about 17 boxcars, 500 to 600 soldiers.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
  3. On 15 July, artillery units with numerous 100-mm AT guns engaged in exercises and firing practices in the Zeitz Forst. Truck occupied by 12 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and AT insignia left toward Zeitz.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
  4. At 0530 on 17 July, approximately 2,200 soldiers had fallen in for a roll call in the Reuss Kaserne in Gera. No training was observed in the installation throughout the day.<sup>1</sup>
  5. Between 14 and 17 July, the Infanterie Kaserne (8541) in Zeitz was occupied as previously by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Major elements of the units were employed in the high water area on the Elster River. Trucks were observed there.<sup>4</sup> 25X1
  6. At 2300 on 14 July, 10 T-34 tanks arrived at Artillerie Kaserne (8542) in Zeitz. At 1800 on 17 July, 12 to 16 T-34 tanks left toward Zeitz Forst. After the departure of the tanks, the installation was occupied by about 100 soldiers.<sup>5</sup>
  7. At 1530 on 16 July, a column of 21 motor vehicles towing 21 x 100-mm AT guns, 8 trucks and half-track vehicle came from the direction of the Zeitz Forst and went toward Altenburg.<sup>5</sup> 25X1
- Comment. The departure of elements of the 308th Arty Brig is confirmed by these observations. Altengrabow is not confirmed as the place of destination. 25X1

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2. [ ] Comment. According to the caliber of the guns and motor elements of the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div presumably returned from firing practices in the Zeitz Forest. 25X1  
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3. [ ] Comment. [ ]  
[ ] Army. The artillery units are assumed to belong to the 38th Army Art Arty Brig which, according to previous reports, repeatedly conducted firing practices in the Zeitz Forest. 25X1  
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4. [ ] Comment. The Infantry Kasern is believed to be still occupied by the 67th Gds Mech Regt of the 20th Gds Mech Div. [ ]  
[ ] to rear services of the division. 25X1  
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5. [ ] Comment. Since the 27th (?) Gds Tank Regt of the 20th Gds Mech has been stationed at the Chadruf troop training grounds since 3 May, the tanks presumably belonged to another unit temporarily stationed in the installation. 25X1

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